

years on the Palisades School Board, and 18 years as a Nockamixon Township Supervisor. Throughout this time, he has been a dedicated husband, father of five, and grandfather of six.

His commitment to service and the dedication he has shown to improving his community are a model for others. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Henry Gawronski for his outstanding efforts, and am extremely honored to serve as his Congressman.

INTRODUCING THE SERVICEMEMBER STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RELIEF ACT

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, our brave student servicemembers defending the United States in Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries abroad are often charged interest on their federal college student loans while deployed. Because this interest is costly and unfair, I rise today to introduce the Servicemember Student Loan Interest Relief Act to end the practice.

This legislation builds upon a provision included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H.R. 4137) in the 110th Congress, which prevents interest from accruing on loans originated after October 2008 during activations. The provision provided important relief to servicemembers who intended to take out loans in the future, but it did not address those who currently had student loan debt.

The bill I introduce today corrects that issue and provides interest relief to all active duty servicemembers with eligible loans. Our students in uniform could save up to \$1,479 during a 12- to 15-month activation under this bill, according to estimates.

As our servicemembers put themselves in harm's way, the least we can do is put their student loans on hold until they return home. I'm pleased to work with Senator BAYH on this important issue.

I urge passage of this legislation and yield back the balance of my time.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the World War II veterans from my district who are traveling to Washington, DC with Honor Flight Chicago, a program whose goal is to provide as many World War II veterans as possible the opportunity to see the World War II Memorial here in Washington, DC, a memorial that was built to honor their courage and service.

The American veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen traveling here today answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave

Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorial. I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing thanks.

Dominick "Duke" Adducci, John J. Aldworth, Alvin Henry Arbeiter, Richard Batzkall, Raymond Bernard Beckman, Ralph Borgatell, William A. Boss, Halfdan Bruness, Albert Bruno, James M. Bulsback, John M. Collier, George W. Cvek, Frank "Fritz" DeLuca, Peter Ference, Nathan Firestone, Robert Foley, James C. Forster, Ernest "Ernie" Halverson, Harvey H. Hammerlund, Emmitt D. Hays, Richard A. Heffernan, Margaret J. Heinkel, Harold E. Heinkel, LeRoy "Lee" Herrick, Robert F. Holbach, George "Hoppy" Hopkins, Jr., David L. Jack, Jerome "Jerry" Jeslis, Rex L. Jones, William C. Jones, Robert C. Judd, Enoch Kanaya, George "Fred" Kays, Robert Knudsen, William B. Koerber, Phillip LaMantia, James L. Lausa, Wilbur Lewis, Pasqual "Pat" Lorenzo, Edward Malatesta, Gerald "Jerry" Mares, John E. McCambridge, Donnan A. McKie, Norbert M. Melsek, Anthony "Tony" Nauer, Kenneth G. Pearson, Melvin S. Peich, Antonio R. Petrella, Adam Petrolino, Richard A. Pfundstein, Budd E. Revesz, William V. Ried, Anthony Rizzo, Harry Ross, Andrew "Bud" Ryder, Victor Schaedel, Norbert M. Schmuttenmaer, Walter E. Silge, Joseph B. Smart, Victor Sneller, Harvey "Hary" Sorensen, Harold Stanton, Allen "Lefty" Stauffer, Joseph Frank Stedronsky, Aloysius V. Sulka, Eugene E. Sullivan, Frank S. Summer, Roger D. Thorngren, George S. Trunek, Earl Uberfall, Truex "Bill" Upchurch, Gene Urban, Tony Vallos, Michael J. Vivona, Edward J. Walz, Edwin E. Wentta, Merle L. Younce, Chester Zdunek, Seymour Zimmerman, Stanley M. Zmuda, Joseph F. Zver.

CONGRATULATING SUSAN S. RINGLER, THE TEMPE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S 2009 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susan "Sue" Ringler, who has been named as the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year by the Tempe Community Council. The Tempe Community Council was founded in 1972 with the mission of "connecting those in need with those who care," and has been honoring exceptional individuals with the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award for the past 26 years. Sue exemplifies the definition of a humanitarian, and is incredibly deserving of this award.

Sue has worked to serve her community and the city of Tempe in numerous and incredible ways. Currently a faculty associate with Arizona State University's School of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation at the West Campus, Sue is also the pastor of Guardian Angels Catholic Community. In the past, Sue was the manager of Paz de Cristo food kitchen

in Mesa when it began in 1988, and worked to make sure that this kitchen had a permanent location to feed the homeless. Sue also served as manager of Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit fair trade shop that sells crafts made in third world countries and sends the profits directly back to the artists. Sue also played a critical role in the development of both the Interfaith Hospitality Emergency Lodging Program and Tempe Homeless Connect.

Sue has contributed so much to the Tempe community with her unwavering devotion to helping the homeless and those in need. She is a role model for our community, and demonstrates what it truly means to be a humanitarian. Please join me, Madam Speaker, in congratulating Sue for receiving the Don Carlos Humanitarian Award, and for recognizing all of her past achievements.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that will benefit the Second Congressional District of Michigan as part of H.R. 3183.

Requesting Member: Congressman PETE HOEKSTRA

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Detroit District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer

Address of Requesting Entity: 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226-2550

Description of Request: Provide funding for operations and maintenance of Saugatuck Harbor. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance account.

W.C. 'DUB' JONES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Today I come to remember W.C. "Dub" Jones of Port Arthur, Texas. Jones passed away on September 14, 2009 at the age of 69 after his fight against cancer. He was born in Bradley, Arkansas on June 20, 1940 to the late Tillman and Hattie Jones.

Jones moved to Port Arthur at a young age and later attended the local school. He began working in the late 1950's on inshore waterways of the Gulf Coast and then as a seaman serving abroad U.S. flagged cargo vessels. After spending several years out at sea, he went to work as a longshoreman in Port Arthur. Due to his continuous hard work, he rose to positions of greater influence and eventually became the Commissioner of the Port of Port Arthur in 2002.

He was known for his strong leadership and involvement with the local maritime industry